

course they cannot do their business properly; and you know, that the ploughman cannot work without eating.

I am sure you would be well pleased, Master Billy, to have a horse to ride on; and so you will have one, when you grow old and big enough. But you must first know how to ride and manage a horse, otherwise it may be very dangerous; for many a little boy has been killed by getting across a horse, and galloping away, before he had learned how to sit upon it.

You too, my dear Charlotte, will by and by have a little Galloway to ride on. Though I have said it is not becoming in ladies to go hunting, yet riding merely to take the air, or a short journey, is not only allowable in point of decency, but very beneficial for their health. Nothing can have a more pretty or innocent look, than to see a little miss and master riding by the side of each other, when even
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their little horses seem proud of carrying them.

Let me particularly advise you, my dear Billy, never to run among the horses in the stable, and still more particularly never to attempt to pull long hairs out of their tails, for many a little boy has been killed by a horse's kick for so doing. Horses are very strong and powerful, and kick with an amazing force; besides, you know their feet are shod with iron.

Some noblemen and gentlemen keep horses merely to run races, and these are bought and sold for a great deal of money; but there are other horses, which are very rough and clumsy, and yet these horses are not to be despised, since they do that hard and laborious work, which fine race horses could never do. There are some fine large bay horses with long tails and manes, and six of these dragging a fine coach after them is a very pretty sight; is it not, Charlotte?

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